



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

Josh Candelaria
Director

May 1, 2017

The Honorable Todd Gloria
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **AB 1406** – As Amended April 18, 2017 - **SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblyman Gloria:

The County of San Bernardino is writing in support of AB 1406 which would establish the Homeless Youth Housing Program. The program would provide an avenue for the Legislature to appropriate funds to select jurisdictions to provide housing and supportive services to young people experiencing homelessness with the goal of transitioning youth towards self-sufficiency.

According to 2016 Point in Time Count, California reported the largest numbers of unaccompanied homeless children and youth, at 11,222 people or 31% of the national total. It also had the second highest rate of unsheltered homeless children at 77.5% (8,691 were unsheltered). California also had the largest number of unaccompanied homeless youth who were 18 to 24. Based on the San Bernardino County 2017 Homeless Count and Subpopulation Survey, more than 100 homeless youth were counted as being unsheltered or having unstable housing.

AB 1406 would provide communities with the tools they need to address homelessness among unaccompanied children and youth by allowing organizations to create new or expand existing programs that provide specific assistance to homeless youth.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 1406. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Lovingood".

Robert Lovingood
First District Supervisor
Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

c: San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation

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